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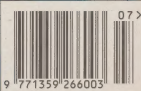
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• GREEN LANTERN  
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# INTRODUCTION

Hello again and welcome to the first of this year's **I Love to Read Batman** magazines. We hope you enjoy your **free chew bar**.

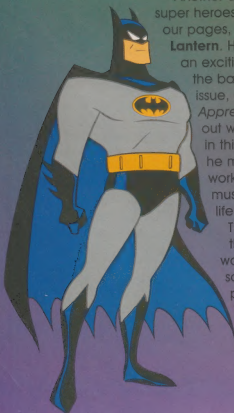
We've received some great letters and pictures from you and we've printed as many as we can on the **Dynamic Dispatches** page. Keep those letters coming — it's great to see your pictures and find out what you like and don't like in the comic.

You'll find an exciting adventure starting this issue, called *Learning the Hard Way*. Batman shows a unique way of teaching a young thug that crime really doesn't pay.

Then, meet **Mr. Freeze**. He is truly a cold-hearted criminal who still believes that crime **does** pay and he'll stop at nothing to prove it as you will see in our story, *Icebreaker*.

Another of DC Comics' super heroes comes to our pages, **Green Lantern**. He features in an exciting story at the back of this issue, called *Art Appreciation*. Find out what happens in this story when he makes the works of art in a museum come to life!

Then, turn to the pull-out workbook and solve the puzzles which all relate to this month's stories.



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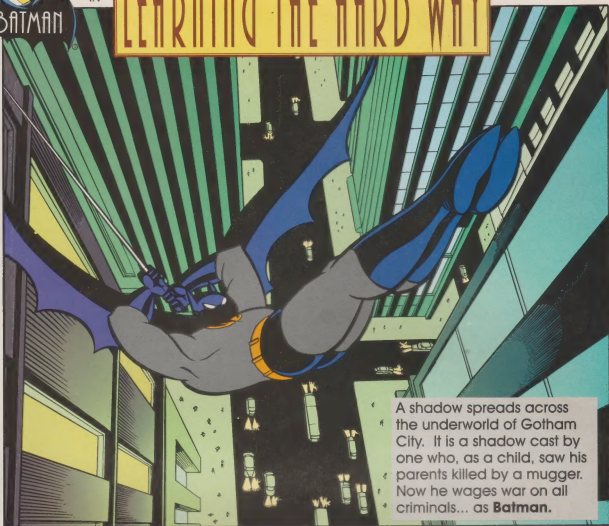
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# LEARNING THE HARD WAY



A shadow spreads across the underworld of Gotham City. It is a shadow cast by one who, as a child, saw his parents killed by a mugger. Now he wages war on all criminals... as **Batman**.

A small time crook, Frank Delaney, realises that Batman is a threat to criminals like him. But his friend, Jack Rutter, does not.

I'M TELLING YOU, HE'S OUT THERE AND HE'S BAD NEWS!

HOGWASH, DELANEY!

Rutter plans to rob an all-night store. He believes Batman is a myth created by the police to panic the underworld.

I'M HITTING THAT JOINT TONIGHT! WITH OR WITHOUT YOU.

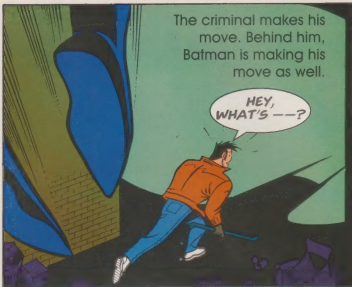
Delaney watches Rutter go. Something fans the air close by. As he turns, terror grips him.

WHICH "JOINT"?

Trembling, Delaney talks. A few blocks away, Rutter stakes out his target...



The criminal makes his move. Behind him, Batman is making his move as well.



For a brief moment, Rutter hopes it's just a trick of the light...



...but he realises the truth and he runs - just as Batman knew he would.



Rutter hears a shot. He doesn't know it's a grappling gun, or that its lines launch Batman into the air.



He doesn't know that it is pointless to run.







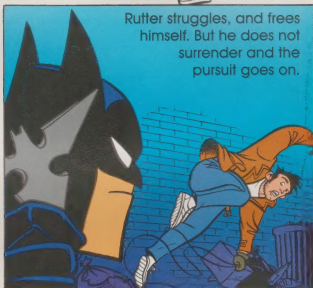
His legs shaking with fear, Rutter tries to run and heads towards an alley.



With a perfect throw, Batman tags Rutter's legs with a Batarang. The thug's next step sends him sprawling.



Like a fish on a line, Rutter is hauled in. Escape seems impossible, yet fuelled by fear he keeps fighting.



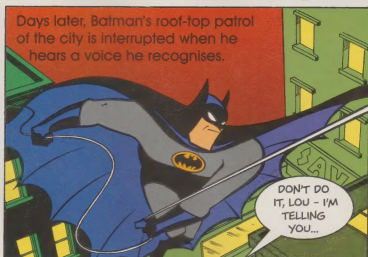
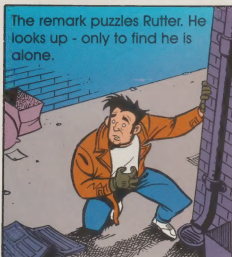
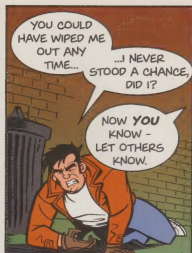
Rutter struggles, and frees himself. But he does not surrender and the pursuit goes on.



Batman throws a star weapon through the air and pins Rutter's jacket to a door.



Batman approaches. Demonstration over.



# DYNAMIC DISPATCHES

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR GREAT LETTERS. THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH ROOM ON THIS PAGE TO FIT THEM ALL IN BUT HERE IS A SELECTION. KEEP WRITING IN AND LET US KNOW YOUR FAVOURITE HEROES AND WHICH PARTS OF THE MAGAZINE YOU ENJOY MOST!



JAMES, BENSON & JOSHUA SPOWNAGE  
NOTTINGHAM

Dear I Love to Read Batman,

I always read your comic with my family and I always look forward to the next issue. I'm a big fan of Batman and Robin and I have costumes for both of them. I hope you like my picture of Robin.

Louis Russell  
Barnrow

We sure do and just to prove it, here it is!

Editor



STEFAN PINCHES  
WARWICKSHIRE

Dear I Love to Read Batman,

I hope you like my picture of my favourite super heroes, Batman, The Flash and The Atom. Out of all the issues my favourite poster is the Atom from issue 4. Both The Atom and I have auburn hair - maybe I'm Atom 2! (Not!)

Ashley Harvey  
Stoke on Trent

Ashley? Ashley? Where are you?

Dear I Love to Read Batman,  
Here's a joke I made up:

Q: What would happen if Batman and Robin turned to crime?

A: They'd be Badman and Robbing!

Oliver Smith  
Huntingdon

The Joker would love that one, Oliver!

Dear I Love to Read Batman,

I think your comic is great! When I saw the film, Batman Forever, I wanted to hear more about Batman and wanted cartoons, stories and puzzle pages. When I saw I Love to Read Batman, I just had to buy it!

Thanks for making me much happier.

Rhya Ford  
Perthshire

Thanks for your letter, Rhya, it's great that our magazine has such healing effects!

Editor



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BATMAN IS CALLED IN TO SAVE GOTHAM CITY FROM BEING  
CRUSHED BY A GIANT GLACIER IN...



# ICEBREAKER

Batman rushed to Gotham City Police Headquarters the moment Commissioner Gordon summoned him. Together, they examined the ransom note that had just been sent to the Mayor's office. It demanded a billion dollars and threatened to unleash "fire, flood and ice" upon the city if the money was not delivered. It was signed "Mr. Freeze."

With a weapon that could reduce a target to sub-zero temperatures, Mr. Freeze was a ruthless and deadly foe. But he had never tried something this big before.

Just as Batman finished reading the note, the roar of a bomb blast reached across the city. A fiery explosion had destroyed the massive hydroelectric dam outside Gotham. Batman ran to the window looking for the tidal wave of water that would surely swallow the city. But nothing happened.

Batman soon saw why. Even though the dam was miles away, the Dark Knight could see that the bulk of the water had been frozen solid. Mr. Freeze had somehow turned the water behind the dam into an enormous, man-made glacier which was now slowly advancing on the city, threatening to crush everything in its path.





"Mr. Freeze is as cold-hearted as he is brilliant," said Batman. "Even if the ransom is paid, there's no guarantee he'll stop that glacier."

"I agree," said the Commissioner, "but we may have no choice. Look at this." The Commissioner showed Batman a report from a police helicopter flying above the glacier. The pilot had sighted Mr. Freeze's base on top of the ice, but gunfire had prevented the helicopter from landing.

"Mr. Freeze has the skies covered," said the Commissioner, staring at the enormous glacier. "There's no way to get him."

"There is one way," said Batman grimly. "By climbing the glacier."

"Impossible," replied the Commissioner. "There can't be more than ten men in the world who have the skills to climb that mountain of ice. Where could we find —" The Commissioner turned to face Batman, but the Dark Knight was gone. He had already left to confront the glacier.

Batman began to climb, his black-gloved hands searching for a grip on the slippery surface. Soon, he was a hundred feet up, a tiny shape against the wall of frosty white. One slip, one mistake and he would fall to the ground far below. Only his skills kept him alive. But still he continued upwards. Thousands of lives depended on him.

Batman was near the top. His limbs ached and his fingers and toes were numb with the cold.



With great expertise, he used his grappling gun and cable to rappel out under the overhanging lip of the glacier and clamber up onto the top.

Keeping low across the ragged surface of the glacier, Batman approached Freeze's base. It was a large motorlaunch that had been floating on the surface of the water and was locked there in the ice when the water froze. Armed men patrolled around the boat.

Gritting his teeth, Batman unhooked a Batarang from his Utility Belt.

The whirring Batarang whipped across the ice, striking first one and then another of the men. Both collapsed unconscious. The other four swept round and fired blindly at the ice around them. But there was no sign of Batman. Nervously the thugs crept forwards.

Suddenly, when the nearest man was right over him, Batman struck. He exploded up out of his hiding place beneath some loose ice where he had hidden himself. His flying fist stunned the first man. Then Batman charged at the others leaping high over their heads. The Dark Knight's dazzling martial arts skills stopped all three of the men in as many seconds.

Batman rushed towards the boat and climbed aboard. There was no time for stealth - the glacier was at the outskirts of Gotham. He was about to burst through the door of the control room when

Mr. Freeze opened it holding his cold gun in his hand.

"Stay where you are," said Mr. Freeze aiming the cold gun at Batman. "No one should have been able to reach me on top of this glacier. You've made a mistake coming here."

"Give it up, Freeze," said the Dark Knight. "This mountain of ice stops here."

"Correct, Batman," said the villain. "Since I saw you coming, I had to speed things up. I shut off the freezing device that created the glacier and activated several heating machines. In mere minutes, the ice will melt and flood the city."



Mr. Freeze gave Batman an icy stare. "Of course, we are quite safe in this vessel. You and I will be the only survivors."

Outside, the glacier was melting quickly. Suddenly, the boat lurched to one side, as a huge chunk of ice dissolved beneath it. Mr. Freeze lost his balance, and Batman leaped at the villain, knocking the cold gun out of his hand. Mr. Freeze reached for his weapon, but the Dark Knight was faster. He dove to the floor and grabbed the cold gun. Batman fired, capturing Mr. Freeze in a block of ice.

Batman ran into the control room and studied the controls on the large computer console inside.

"If I shut off the heat and turn on the freezing devices," he

thought, "the glacier will continue to move toward the city and crush it." He made some quick calculations.

"But with both the heating and freezing devices on, the glacier should melt slowly enough to drain harmlessly into the city's sewers."

The boat shook back and forth. The entire glacier was about to collapse. Risking everything, Batman pushed the buttons. The boat stopped shaking. His plan had worked. The ice was melting slowly. Gotham was safe again.

It was late that night when Bruce Wayne arrived home to Wayne Manor. He was cold and weary. Alfred, ever attentive, offered him a hot meal he had prepared and a refreshing drink.

"Ice?" he asked, dryly.

**THE END**



A dynamic comic book illustration of the Green Lantern. The character, wearing a green mask and a blue suit, is shown from the chest up, holding a glowing green power ring in his right hand. A massive, bright yellow sunburst radiates from the ring, filling the upper half of the frame. The background features a stylized cityscape with blue buildings and a rooftop with a trash can. The overall style is classic comic book art with bold lines and a limited color palette.

# GREEN LANTERN



# BATMAN™

## WORKBOOK

## WORDSEARCH

All the words in the box below are taken from the story, *Learning the Hard Way*. They are all hidden in this wordsearch. Also hidden are several **BAT** words too! Tick off the words from the box as you find them and see how many **BATs** you can find!

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 T B M H R U A T T B A T  
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 T S T W B N A O B G T B  
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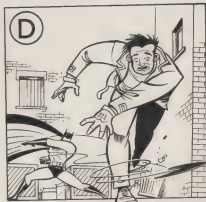
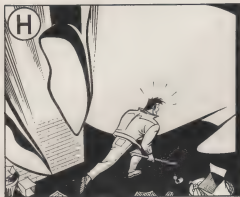
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shadow	<input type="checkbox"/>	mugger	<input type="checkbox"/>
alley	<input type="checkbox"/>	crook	<input type="checkbox"/>



# ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order** (1-6) and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



1	2	3	4	5	6

# GOOD GUYS!

The silhouettes of some of Gotham's honest citizens are shown on this page. Try to unscramble the anagrams to reveal their names. When you have worked out each name, draw a circle around the name and join it to the silhouette it goes with.

①



②



③



HEAVY ROCK BULL

FLED RA

DRAG SKY COIN

DIG IRON COMMON ROSES

BUY NEW CARE

NO MONEY EATER

④



⑤



⑥



# A N-ICE PUZZLE

Batman faced a mountain of ice when Mr. Freeze solidified the waters at the Gotham City Hydro Electric Dam. Now here is an icy problem for you. Every picture clue contains the letters ICE. Fill in the missing letters to finish off the words which describe each picture.



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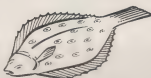
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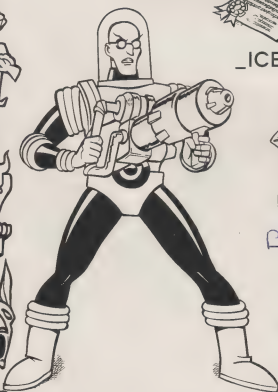
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POLICE



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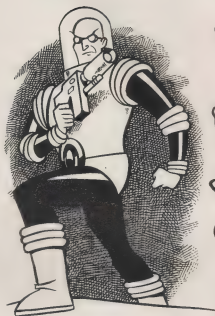


SICE



# ICE CUBES

Frozen into these ice cubes are some chilly words that appeal to Mr. Freeze. See if you can defrost and rearrange the letters to form the words.



1



2



3



5



4



6



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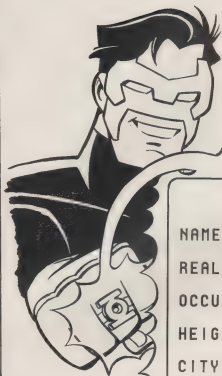


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# SECRET FILE

This is the official card on Green Lantern from our top secret computer records but the essential details have been left out. See how much you know about Green Lantern by filling in the spaces.



## TOP SECRET



NAME.....

REAL NAME.....

OCCUPATION.....

HEIGHT..... EYE COLOUR.....

CITY OF RESIDENCE.....

NAME OF FIRST LANTERN.....

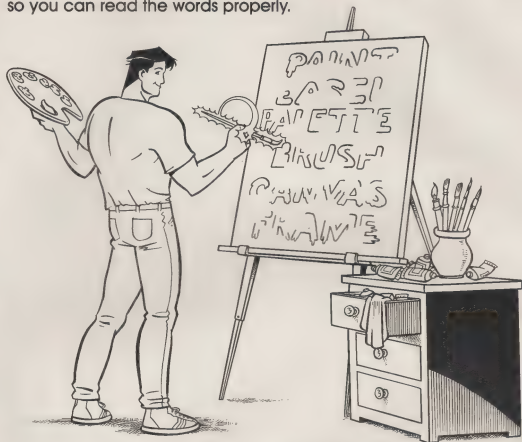
FOUNDERS OF THE GREEN LANTERN  
CORPS.....

Spot the 8 differences between these two pictures.



# HALF FINISHED

Kyle Rayner has painted some words on this canvas but invisible paint has erased some parts of the letters. With a pencil, finish off the letters so you can read the words properly.



Spot the matching pair of palettes!

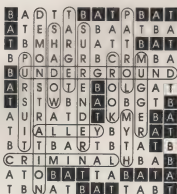




# ANSWERS



## WORDSEARCH



ALL MIXED UP  
The word is SHADOW

## GOOD GUYS!

1. HARVEY BULLOCK
2. RENEE MONTOYA
3. BRUCE WAYNE
4. COMMISSIONER GORDON
5. DICK GRAYSON
6. ALFRED

## A N-ICE PUZZLE

MICE - PRICE - RICE PUDDING  
OFFICE - PLICE - DICED CARROTS  
LICENCE - SPICE  
POLICE - PUMICE  
SPUCE - SLICE

## ICE CUBES

1. ICEBURG
2. FREEZE
3. ICICLE
4. FROST
5. SNOW
6. GLACIER
7. COLD
8. ICELAND

## SECRET FILE

NAME: GREEN LANTERN  
REAL NAME: KYLE RAYNER  
OCCUPATION: ARTIST

HEIGHT: 5FT, 11INS EYES: BROWN

CITY OF RESIDENCE: NEW YORK

NAME OF FIRST GREEN LANTERN:

ALAN SCOTT

FOUNDERS OF THE GREEN LANTERN

CORPS:

THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE

## DIFFERENCES



PALETTES  
PALETTES B & G

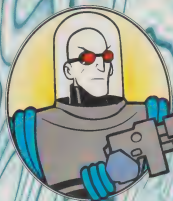
## HALF FINISHED

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EASEL  
PALETTE  
BRUSH  
CANVAS  
FRAME









# THE CASE OF THE HEISTED ICE!

Batman's frosty foe, Mr. Freeze, has broken into the Gotham Museum and stolen an exhibit of valuable diamonds. On his way out, though, he was spotted by Batman! Just as the Dark Knight was about to nab him, Mr. Freeze threw the diamonds into the air and formed an enormous glacier around them, sneering, "Try to find your precious gems now, Batman!" How many diamonds can you help Batman find? The correct number is at the bottom of the page.



Answer: There are 16 diamonds.



# THE HERO FILE

**Alter Ego:** Kyle Rayner

**Occupation:** Artist

**Known Relatives:**  
Unknown

**Group Affiliation:**  
The New Titans

**Base of Operations:**  
New York

**First Appearance:**  
GREEN LANTERN #48,  
February, 1994

**Height:** 5 feet, 11 inches

**Weight:** 174 pounds

**Eyes:** Brown

**Hair:** Black

# GREEN LANTERN

**K**yle Rayner is the last in a long line of heroes called **Green Lantern**. His ring is the most powerful weapon in the universe. Anything he can imagine, his ring can create. Not bad for a guy who seemed to be going nowhere fast.

Before he became **Green Lantern**, Kyle wasn't doing much with his life. He was an artist, but his career wasn't going too well. His girlfriend, **Alex**, thought Kyle could do more with his life, and was pushing him to try harder at his work.

One night, Kyle was catching a breath of fresh air in an alleyway behind a dance club when a little blue man in a red outfit appeared from nowhere. He handed Kyle a green, glowing ring and told him to use its powers wisely, then he disappeared!

As soon as Kyle put the ring on his finger, he found he was wearing the costume of one of Earth's greatest super-heroes: **Green Lantern**. He quickly jumped into action and went to see... Alex.

Knowing Kyle's impulsive personality, Alex tried to explain the responsibilities that came with such power. She helped Kyle realize that he had a lot to learn in order to be a good **Green Lantern**.

Before he could follow her advice, however, tragedy struck with the appearance of **Major Force**, a villain who wanted **Green Lantern**'s power. **Major Force** didn't find Kyle, but he found Alex instead. By the time Kyle arrived, Alex was dead, and Kyle realized that being a super-hero wasn't just fun and games; it was serious. Kyle brought Alex's murderer to justice, but wasn't sure he wanted to be **Green Lantern** anymore.

Fortunately, a hero named **Alan Scott** found Kyle before he could quit. Alan had been the Earth's first **Green Lantern** many years ago, and he told Kyle about **The Green Lantern Corps**.

The **Green Lantern Corps** was founded thousands of years ago by **The Guardians of the Universe**, a race of very wise and powerful little blue men who lived for thousands of years. They created the organization known as the **Green Lantern Corps** to protect the universe. Each sector of the universe was protected by a **Green Lantern** armed with a power ring. There were over 3,000 **Green Lanterns**, each with his or her own ring.

One of the greatest **Green Lanterns**, **Hal Jordan**, turned against the **Guardians** and destroyed them and the entire **Corps**. The last act of the only remaining **Guardian** was to find someone capable of carrying on the tradition of the **Green Lanterns**. He found Kyle.

With his ring **Green Lantern** can do virtually anything. He can fly at super-speed, survive the vacuum of space, move mountains—in fact, he can literally make or do anything he can think of. The

ring is activated by the ringbearer's willpower; the stronger the willpower, the more powerful the ring's abilities.

Kyle is the last **Green Lantern**. He has moved to New York City's **Greenwich Village** and joined a team of young super-heroes called **The New Titans**. Kyle isn't fully aware of all the ring can and cannot do. But he is determined to do whatever it takes to become worthy of the name **Green Lantern**.



**Major Force:** A merciless killer, **Major Force**'s entire body is coated with an impenetrable metal that also gives him super-strength and the ability to blast his enemies with a power beam.



**Parallax:** Parallax is one of the most powerful villains in the universe. He was previously known as **Hal Jordan**, a **Green Lantern** who went insane after his home town of **Coast City, California**, was destroyed. Parallax intended to remake the universe, but was defeated by a combined force of all the heroes in the **DC Universe**. He was caught in an explosion triggered by Kyle that destroyed the **Guardians'** home planet of **Oa**. It is unknown if Parallax is still alive.

—Scott Peterson

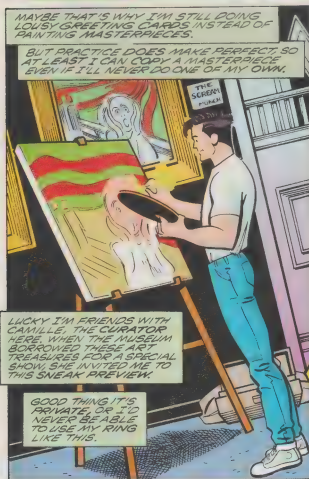
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# ART APPRECIATION



I'M NEVER GOING TO GET THIS RIGHT.



MAYBE THAT'S WHY I'M STILL DOING LOUSY GREETING CARDS INSTEAD OF PAINTING MASTERPIECES.

BUT PRACTICE DOES MAKE PERFECT SO AT LEAST I CAN COPY A MASTERPIECE EVEN IF I'LL NEVER DO ONE OF MY OWN.

THE SCREEN MUSEUM

LUCKY I'M FRIENDS WITH CAMILLE, THE CURATOR HERE. WHEN THE MUSEUM BORROWED THESE ART TREASURES FOR A SPECIAL SHOW, SHE INVITED ME TO THIS SNEAK PREVIEW.

GOOD THING IT'S PRIVATE, OR I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO USE MY RING LIKE THIS.



THAT SOUNDED LIKE A GUNSHOT! - KACK - 66 NEW YORK...

...BUT NA MUSEUM?!

KA BLAM



I'D BETTER GO INVESTIGATE. -JUST A LITTLE CONCENTRATION...

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF...



## The Riddler

That cunning villain, the **Riddler**, is back to puzzle Batman in next month's issue.

Why does he send

Bruce Wayne, and other wealthy citizens of Gotham City, letters riddled with explosives? Batman sets about finding the meaning behind this madness in the story, *Stroke of Genius*.

Then read on and find out the secret of *McGuffin's Disc*, a story in which the Dark Knight seeks a computer disc containing evidence which will put crime lord, Karl Gunther, behind bars.

## FREE BATMAN PENCIL

Your special gift with next month's magazine.



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Our next **Hero File** is about **Hawkman**, who originally came from the planet Thanagar where he was one of their police officers known as a **Wingman**.

Exiled from his own planet, he now lives on Earth where he fights against injustice. Read

his Hero File and story, ***A Declaration of Independence***.

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\*2. Credit card: Please charge £..... to my Access/Visa account.

My card number is (13 or 16 digits)

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Expiry date.....

Signature.....Date.....

From time to time we may mail you with information on other products or services offered by us or other reputable companies we think will be of interest to you. If you do not wish to receive this then please tick the box. ☐

# FIND THE BAT EMBLEMS

Hidden in this picture are several Bat **emblems**. Count them and write the number in the box below. Having found the emblems, colour them in yellow, and then complete the picture by colouring the figures of Batman and Robin.



There are  Bat **emblems** in the picture.

Answer: There are 14 Bat emblems.